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SUBJECT: ENRILE ORDERS CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL WEAPONS

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE JUAN PONCE ENRILE ORDERED THE RECALL MAY 6 OF ALL FIREARMS ISSUED TO CIVILIANS CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY, E.G., INFORMERS, BY POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICERS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WEAPONS PERMITS. ENRILE'S ORDER WAS BROADENED BY CONSTABULARY COMMANDER MGEN FIDEL RAMOS WHO, IN TURN, INSTRUCTED CONSTABULARY AND POLICE OFFICERS TO ENFORCE LAWS FORBIDDING CARRYING OF WEAPONS EXCEPT BY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. ENRILE AND RAMOS REPORTEDLY ACTED FOLLOWING RECENT REPORTS OF INCREASING NUMBERS OF CRIMES COMMITTED WITH WEAPONS AND USE OF WEAPONS BY OFF-DUTY POLICE AND MILITARY TO INTIMIDATE THE PUBLIC.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE FIVE THEORETICALLY WEAPONLESS YEARS, THE PHILIPPINE LOVE OF FIREARMS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE WILD WEST ATMOSPHERE OF THE PRE-MARTIAL LAW PERIOD, HAS NOT ABATED. NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF CRIMES COMMITTED WITH WEAPONS ARE INCREASING IN FREQUENCY AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT THESE REPORTS REFLECT ONLY A FRACTION OF WEAPONS-
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RELATED CRIME. IN LATE 1977 SECURITY OFFICERS AT CLARK AFB TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT WHILE THEY HAD NOT NOTED ANY INCREASE IN THE FREQUENCY OF CRIMES DIRECTED AGAINST US SERVICEMEN, THE NUMBER OF CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST MILITARY AND CIVILIAN USG PERSONNEL IN WHICH WEAPONS WERE INVOLVED HAD INCREASED. TOUSSAINT

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